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SUBJECT: B-26' S IN ANGOLA

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1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL MARCH 20 TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR THEMIDO, WHO WILL DEPART MARCH 23 FOR LEAVE IN PORTUGAL, TO STRESS ONCE AGAIN OUR CONCERN THAT THE B-26' S IN ANGOLA BE RETURNED TO METROPOLE. STOESSEL REVIEWED POINTS MADE BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SPRINGSTEEN IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH THEMIDO (REFTELS) AND SAID WE DID NOT WANT THIS PROBLEM TO BE BLOWN OUT OF PROPORTION BY THOSE WHO ARE DISPLEASED WITH GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND PORTUGAL. THERE WAS A RISK THAT THIS COULD HAPPEN IF B-26' S REMAIN IN AFRICA AND WE THEREFORE WANT TO SEE THEM RETURNED TO METROPOLE.

2. THEMIDO SAID HE WAS PLANNING TO DISCUSS B-26- S WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PATRICIO UPON HIS RETURN TO LISBON. HE INDICATED HE WOULD MAKE SPECIAL NOTE OF STOESSEL' S CALL AS INDICATING SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE REGARDED THIS
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